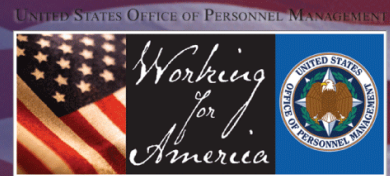# USALearning
Communications

This newsletter introduces you to USALearning.gov, providing an overview of its functionality, and information on e-Learning events occurring across the Federal Government. USALearning.gov is sponsored by the e-Training Initiative and the e-Training Service Provider Consortium.

GoLearn.gov is becoming USALearning.gov!

On July 25, 2005, the Gov Online Learning Center (www.GoLearn.gov) website will be changing its name to USALearning.gov. The URL for the website will change to www.usalearning.gov and the previous URL, www.golearn.gov, will serve as a redirect to guide users to the new site. The new name reflects the e-Training Initiative's commitment to align with other Office of Personnel Management Initiatives (i.e., USAJOBS) and elevate the Governmentwide e-Learning site to that of a portal environment showcasing learning opportunities available across the Federal Government.

Although the Governmentwide site will have a new look and name, you can count on the same services you have come to expect from GoLearn.gov to be available on USALearning.gov. If your agency has purchased content for employees to access through GoLearn.gov, employees will continue to have access to that content.

If you are a current GoLearn.gov user, **your user name and password will remain the same on USALearning.** If you are not yet a member of the Governmentwide e-Learning site, now is a great time to register and begin taking advantage of all that USALearning has to offer!

Please note that OPM's GoLearn Program, an e-Training Initiative Service Provider, will <u>not</u> be changing its name.

USALearning.gov Homepage

Downtime: The GoLearn.gov site will be unavailable from 8am EDT on Saturday, July 23, until 8am EDT on Sunday, July 24, in order to upload the new rebranded site. You will be <u>unable to log in to the site during this time</u>. If you are in the middle of a course please exit the course for completion after the site update. If you remain in the course during this update, you may not be able to continue completing the course.

USALearning's *Free* Resources

The GoLearn.gov website has gone through a total makeover to transform into USALearning.gov. All of the same features you have come to rely on through GoLearn.gov remain, in addition to some new resources. Check out what USALearning has to offer:

- **_Knowledge Now_**: Formerly *Learning Objects*, this free resource allows you to type in a particular question or topic and receive an answer – fast! Need to brush up on a new skill? Refresh your knowledge on a particular topic? Knowledge Now enables quick and concise access to the necessary information when you need it.
- **_Books24/7_**: Free access to more than 50+ unabridged titles from leading publishers including AMACOM, The Idea Group, Microsoft Press, The MIT Press and more. Subject matter varies across a number of technology and business topics such as Information Security Management, XML, Cisco, OSHA, Six Sigma, Project Management, and Microsoft Office 2000.
- **_LiveTutor_**: Get free live help when you need it through LiveTutor (formerly *e-Structor*). LiveTutor provides a web-based interactive learning environment for live exchange with subject matter experts on a variety of e-Learning topics. Experts are available 24/7 to answer questions, clarify key concepts, and provide guidance during your learning experience.
- **_Communities of Practice_**: Connect with peers across the Federal Government in this online community to share ideas, best practices, and more.
- **_Competency Management_**: Review and assess competencies by various career paths and identify appropriate training and development opportunities.

In the coming months, USALearning.gov will work to further transform and improve its online presence in support of e-Learning interests across the Federal Government. Future plans for USALearning.gov include an enhanced Federal catalog, providing users the ability to view courses available for purchase Governmentwide, and the addition of an analytics server for data collection and aggregated reporting for Agency-focused and Governmentwide purposes.

Preparing for USALearning.gov

- Update any bookmarks that point to www.golearn.gov and replace with www.usalearning.gov

- If your Agency's website currently has a link to www.golearn.gov – it will need to be updated on July 25, 2005

- Send any questions regarding the transition to usalearning@opm.gov

- Check out the new Governmentwide e-Learning site, USALearning.gov, on July 25th!

- Attend the e-Training Service Provider Vendor Fair at OPM (from 11am to 3pm) on Thursday, July 28, 2005

Official USALearning Launch and Vendor Fair: July 28, 2005

USALearning Event – Thursday, July 28, 2005 at 10AM
To celebrate the official launch of USALearning.gov and commemorate the third anniversary of the Govermentwide e-Learning website, the e-Training Initiative is hosting an event on **July 28, 2005 from 10AM to 11AM** at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The event will include remarks from Norm Enger, the Director of e-Government Initiatives at OPM, and showcase the new brand and direction for the Governmentwide site.

To RSVP for this event, please contact Linda Vera at (202) 606-4185 or by email at linda.vera@opm.gov

The e-Training Service Provider Vendor Fair – Thursday, July 28, 2005 from 11AM to 3PM
Following the USALearning event, there will be the e-Training Vendor Fair from **11AM to 3PM** in Room 1350 of OPM. The e-Training Service Provider Consortium is hosting this FREE Vendor Fair to assist Agencies in learning more about the products and services available through the e-Training Service Providers. Vendors will be on hand to showcase product offerings, demo training solutions, and speak with attendees regarding their Agency's e-Learning needs.

At the Vendor Fair, attendees will be able to:
- Talk to e-Training Initiative-approved vendor representatives
- See product demos
- Ask questions
- Meet the e-Training Service Providers
- Learn about available services
- Discuss Agency requirements

No pre-registration is necessary for Federal employees; however, please make sure to bring your Federal ID to ensure entrance into the official Website Launch and Vendor Fair.

If you have questions regarding the Vendor Fair, please contact Kim Grobaski at kimberly.grobaski@opm.gov

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